

Mulugeta, like many immigrants who come to America, was simply seeking opportunity. His family and friends describe him as a kind, hard-working man. He had friends and family whom he supported and loved. All this was ripped away by evil, cruel racism.

As a result of the cruelty done to Mulugeta, community members, civil rights lawyers, judges, elected officials, and nonprofits came together and demanded justice be served. They succeeded.

The case attracted national attention, and thanks in part to the great effort of the Southern Poverty Law Center, the White Aryan Resistance and its leaders who were behind this heinous crime were bankrupted and jailed. While no prison sentence could bring back Mulugeta, Oregonians stood and stand in solidarity with Mulugeta and his family and friends to make clear we will not let hate crimes and violence take over our communities.

We have to remain vigilant, and we have to continue the fight. We must recognize our own troubling present in Oregon, which unfortunately has an awful history as a home for White supremacists, because to not know our own history dooms us.

In the years since Mulugeta's death, there have been horrific acts of racially charged violence in Oregon. In May of 2017, a self-proclaimed White nationalist verbally attacked two women who were riding Portland's MAX light rail. One of these two women was wearing a hijab. The perpetrator stabbed three men who defended the women against the racist and Islamophobic rant, killing two of them.

There have been horrific racist acts throughout the Nation. The march and murder in Charlottesville is another clear example of how these White supremacist ideals and concepts continue to draw breath in our country. Like Oregonians speaking out in remembrance of Mulugeta Seraw, we must all speak out against hate. It has no place in our country, including in our White House.

This year, as we remember the 30th anniversary of the murder of Mulugeta Seraw and 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, I would like to acknowledge the many organizations in Oregon that fight for peace and justice every day on behalf of marginalized communities. I would like to especially acknowledge members of these communities who are resilient and strong. I stand with them today and every day.

In a few weeks, Oregonians will come together to remember and celebrate the life of Mulugeta Seraw during a 30th year commemoration conference organized by the Urban League of Portland. I am honored to add to this remembrance with this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. May Mulugeta and his story never be forgotten, and may we remember, learn, and change.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET BALLARD

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a dedicated and treasured member of my staff, Margaret Ballard, and thank her for her more than 21 years of congressional service.

Margaret joined my congressional staff as an intern in 1997 when I served in the U.S. House of Representatives and as she was studying for her master's degree at Boise State University. She quickly proved herself to be bright, adept, and dependable, traits that have made her an integral member of my staff. She currently serves as administrative director and has served in this position since late 2001, but she has carried out many different tasks and filled in for various State positions as we developed as an organization. Her experience, knowledge, and skill from working in so many areas enable her to understand the roles of fellow staff and effectively connect office functions.

Margaret is the glue that holds my office together. As administrative director, she oversees the day-to-day administrative work that is so critical to office functions and responsiveness to the people of Idaho. Margaret keeps track of the intricate details and requirements of operating a Senate office, including the Senate rules. Margaret also recognizes staff achievements and finds opportunities to provide levity and boost morale. She has carried out meticulous work to enhance office operations and coordinate the efforts of the staff. Her long-term dedication to this effort has been vital to ensuring office efficiency. Every organization needs Margaret's kind of continuity and know-how.

To put the many changes Margaret has been a part of over the past 20 years into perspective, she recalls that, when she started back in 1997, all State offices had to share a dial-up internet connection and she had to coordinate when each office could call in and connect for internet service. With the technological advances since, those connection phases are a dim memory. Margaret has handled each new phase with tact and proficiency as she helped build our office administratively.

Prior to joining my staff, Margaret was the State emergency response commission chief of staff for 9 and a half years. Before that position, she was an administrative assistant for the mayor and city council of Glendale, CO, for 2 and a half years. She has worked in all three levels of government, local, State, and Federal Service. On a personal note, Margaret and her husband Troy Gugel have a son and daughter. They are grandparents to a grandson and have a granddaughter on the way.

Margaret, thank you for your steady, committed, and skilled work all these years. The adjectives I could list to describe you could go on and on: well-organized, resourceful, professional. Above all, I know that I have always been able to count on you to get the job done well for the people of Idaho.

This is the core of what it means to be an outstanding member of the staff and, more importantly, a friend. Congratulations on the work milestone you have surpassed, and thank for lending your talents to working on behalf of Idahoans all these years.

TRIBUTE TO BARRY CARPENTER

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Barry Carpenter, a longtime advocate for American agriculture, on his retirement from a career that spanned five decades. Last month, Barry retired his position as president and CEO of the North American Meat Institute, the Nation's largest and oldest trade association representing U.S. meat packers and processors. Barry's retirement concludes a career in both public service and private industry. His knowledge of the industry and his collaborative, affable disposition have allowed him to connect with everyone from CEOs to those just beginning their careers.

Barry's appreciation for U.S. agriculture, his drive to serve, and his work ethic were developed at an early age, working on his family's diversified farm in central Florida that produced cattle, hogs, corn, peanuts, and melons. After graduating from the University of Florida, Barry began his career as a meat grader with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He also enlisted in the U.S. Army, earning the rank specialist fifth class. Barry carried with him the sense of duty and discipline learned in these formative years in each role he held.

Over the course of his 37-year career at USDA, Barry provided reasoned and steady guidance to Secretaries of both parties in multiple administrations. In his senior role at the Agricultural Marketing Service, Barry led programs critical to reestablishing U.S. beef export access following the first U.S. case of BSE in 2003. Barry further oversaw USDA's adoption of video technology used to assign beef quality grades, an important tool in identifying those high-quality prime steaks consumers around the world enjoy.

Upon retiring from USDA, Barry continued to serve American agriculture when he was named CEO of the National Meat Association in 2007. Barry has since provided steadfast leadership to the meat and poultry industry as CEO of the North American Meat Association and as president and CEO of the North American Meat Institute, following the completion of the merger, which he successfully guided, between the American Meat Institute and the North American Meat Association in January 2015.

Barry has earned numerous governmental awards, including Presidential Rank Awards, honors bestowed to less than 1 percent of senior career employees throughout the Federal Government, from Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. He has also received

recognition from the livestock and meat industries.

Throughout his career, Barry remained grounded and inspired by his wife Janet, four children, Mary Catherine, Jane, Michael, and Robert, and 11 grandchildren.

I feel fortunate to have known many distinguished public servants and industry leaders like Barry, who have dedicated their careers to advocating for U.S. agriculture. I thank Barry for his many contributions to American agriculture, and I congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

DISCHARGE PETITION—S.J. RES. 64

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 64, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to 'Returns by Exempt Organizations and Returns by Certain Non-Exempt Organizations' and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Jon Tester, Claire McCaskill, Heidi Heitkamp, Tom Udall, Richard J. Durbin, Ron Wyden, Sheldon Whitehouse, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Chris Van Hollen, Jack Reed, Richard Blumenthal, Tina Smith, Angus S. King, Jr., Joe Donnelly, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Debbie Stabenow, Martin Heinrich, Amy Klobuchar, Doug Jones, Jeanne Shaheen, Benjamin L. Cardin, Michael F. Bennet, Edward J. Markey, Bernard Sanders, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tammy Baldwin, Patrick J. Leahy, Gary C. Peters, Robert Menendez, Catherine Cortez Masto, Tim Kaine, Jeff Merkley, Mazie Hirono, Cory A. Booker, Christopher Murphy.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PAUL J. SCHNEIDER

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Paul J. Schneider, who is retiring from NewsTalk 670 KBOI, of Boise, ID, after more than 51 years in radio and television.

Paul J. Schneider, known as Paul J, started working for the station in 1967 and has been a mainstay of thoughtful reporting since. He called Boise State University football and basketball games for decades as "Voice of the Broncos." Idahoans and many others have no doubt taken solace during their morning commutes with Paul J's interesting and cheerful discussions. He has been a treasured voice underscoring significant local and world events.

Over the years, he has no doubt observed and taken part in many innovations in broadcasting and significant local and national happenings. When announcing Paul J's retirement, the station noted, "His storied radio career has seen plenty of benchmark moments, including but not limited to: the first radio interview with President

Richard Nixon in 1972 after Watergate; covering the prison riots at the Idaho Penitentiary in 1971 and 1973; and calling Boise State Football's first trip to the Fiesta Bowl in 2007."

Descriptions of him are peppered with words such as greatly respected, trusted, professional, iconic, wise, and humorous. His experience and affection for the community he has chosen to make his home all these years comes through in his commentary. He has received numerous honors throughout his career that include being inducted into the Boise State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018, more than 50 Idaho State Broadcasting Association awards, and Boise's Key to the City in 2017. The press box at Albertsons Stadium and the Cumulus broadcast building have been named in his honor.

I understand he is looking forward to sleeping in during his retirement, and I hope he gets some well-deserved rest for all the years he has devoted to keeping Idahoans informed. It is also good to hear that he will still be using his talents to produce, blog, and cover sports. Knowing that Idahoans will still get to benefit from his humor, skill, and engaging commentary is heartening, as I wish him well in his retirement.

Paul J, congratulations on your extraordinary career and leaving a lasting mark in Idaho radio and the lives of countless Idahoans. I wish you all the best.●

TRIBUTE TO ETHAN DAVIDSON

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Ethan Davidson of Lewis and Clark County for his outstanding academic achievements.

Ethan Davidson epitomizes hard working Montanan's, his work ethic has shown in his academics Ethan recently received a perfect score on his ACT, being one of the 2,760 high school students across the United States who received a perfect score of 36. About 2 million high school students take the test each year.

At a young age, Ethan devoted himself to his academics, always striving towards being a straight-A student. He attends Capitol High School in Helena, where he is involved in many extra-curricular activities, ranging from being the cocaptain of the cross country team, to being a member of the math and science club. To add to his accolades, Ethan is a National Merit semifinalist and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

I congratulate Ethan on his impeccable academic achievements, as well as his willingness to give back to his community by being a role model for all high school students I look forward to seeing his success in his future endeavors.●

REMEMBERING SHIRLEY ANN MCCOMBS

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Shirley Ann McCombs who passed away on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at the age of 81. Shirley was born June 30, 1937, in Schuyler County, IL, to Harry and Stella Derry Hunter. Shirley married Charles H. McCombs on May 30, 1956. She was employed by the Illinois State government in numerous positions and was ultimately promoted to the speaker's staff as a fiscal officer until her retirement. Shirley played on the Rushville Rushettes Softball Team and she was a past member of the Oakford United Methodist Church, where she served as secretary and on many committees. She was also a current member of the West Side Christian Church in Springfield.

Shirley was elected State central committeewoman for the 18th Congressional District in 1986 and served in the position until present. She served as secretary of the Democratic Party of Illinois, second vice president of Illinois Democratic Women, and Annual Convention Ad Book chair and editor/graphic artist. Shirley also had served as the Menard County chairman, precinct committeewoman, and as the first vice president of the Illinois County Chairman's Association.

Shirley served as an elector on the Illinois Electoral College since 1992. She served at many of the Democratic National Conventions as a delegate and as an assistant whip. Shirley also served for numerous State Democratic Conventions, co-chaired IDW Luncheon for Convention Delegates and Dignitaries at the Democratic National Convention. She was the State fair committee chairman for the IDP. Shirley received the Chairman's Award for Commitment and Service to the Democratic Party and Certificate of Appreciation Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service.

In addition to her work in politics, she was also passionate about helping her community. She was a founding member of the Menard County Tourism Council and former treasurer. Shirley was a founding board member of the IWIL and served on the board for the Area Agency on Aging and served on the advisory council. She was on the Menard Caring Board and a volunteer at the Menard County Food Pantry. She was a lobbyist for AARP.

Shirley attended both of President Clinton's and President Obama's inaugurations.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Robin and her husband Rick Mathieu; grandchildren Vickie Mathieu and Jackie and her husband Gus Tserpelis; three great-grandchildren; siblings Nelda, Susan and husband Larry, Larry, Lois and her husband Stuart, and Deloris and her husband Robert; sisters-in-law Phyllis, Doris, and Betty; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Her service to her community is remarkable and her story inspiring. I